MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That with reference to rule 163 of the Madras Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect one member to be a member of the Committee on Estimates for the financial year 1955–56 in the vacancy caused by the election of Sri N. Gopala Menon, M.L.A., as Speaker."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 5 p.m. to-day, 30th September 1955, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Committee on Estimates should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary. The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 1st of October 1955. I also fix 3 p.m. on Monday as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, one, a poll will be taken by postal ballot, details for which will be issued in due course.

VI.—REPORT OF THE PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

SRI P. T. RAJAN : Sir, on behalf of the Committee of Privileges, I have the honour to present the Report[a] of that Committee to this House.

VII.—AMENDMENT TO THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I beg to present the Report[b] of the Select Committee appointed to consider the amendments to the Madras Assembly Rules, and move—

"That the amendments as approved by the Select Committee be taken into consideration."

This matter has been considered by the Select Committee. The rules are merely procedural ones. I do not think that there is any matter of importance which requires any lengthy consideration in this House. That is why I have said that it may be taken up for consideration immediately. The Report also was unanimous. Therefore, without any further discussion on that, I would request the House to adopt the Report of the Select Committee.

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 685–712 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 713–718 infra.